to-day at nine in the evening at our palace of the Tui-leries.

We have deemed it proper not to assist in person at this Council, and we have written the present letter to inform you that it is our will that you should place before it the following proposed Senatus Consultum:

The Senate, in view of the decree of the 15th of the present month drawn up by the Arehchancellor, decrees as follows;

The marriage contracted between the Emperor Napoleon and the Empress Josephine is dissolved.

The ceremony took place in the state apartments of the Tuileries and was very touching; all those present wept.

The policy of my Empire, the interests, the needs of my people, which have guided all my actions, demand that I should leave af Lor me, to my children, —• the heirs of my affection for my people, — the throne on which Providence has placed rne. I have, however, for some years past, lost hope of having children from my marriage with my beloved wife the Empress Josephine: and it is this has brought me to sacrifice my dearest affect.ions, to consider only the good of the State, and to wish the dissolution of our marriage. At the age of forty I may yet hold the hope of living long enough to bring up in my own way of thinking the children which it may please Providence to grant me. God knows how much my present resolve has cost me, but no sacrifice goes beyond my courage when it can be shown to be for the interests of France.